

Professor Glaister began by saying that the success of the investigators connected with the case was due to the co-operation not only between the police and the medical profession, but between specialist members of the profession: pathologists, hæmatologists, anatomists, and zoologists all combined to bring out, point by point, the evidence which brought the murderer to justice. For many years the subject of medical jurisprudence had been the Cinderella of the medical profession, but the Ruxton case had done much to bring it out of the kitchen, to emerge in the finale of the ballroom.

Lantern slides were shown of the scene in the ravine where the original find of human remains was made. These were found on the left bank of the stream, due to the fact that the stream flowed to the *right* of the centre of the bridge, from which Ruxton threw them. Flood, following heavy rains, carried the remains still further up the bank, and instead of their being carried to the deep river only a short distance away, they remained high and dry on the bank where they were discovered.

From the beginning it was seen that a trained medical person had been at work, for not only were the limbs and head neatly disarticulated from the trunk, but all the parts which would serve for purposes of identification had been removed. The eyes had been removed, the nose had been cut off, characteristic teeth had been extracted, and areas of skin dissected away.

Professor Glaister traced the discovery of a Sunday newspaper wrapped around the remains with a circulation localised to a relatively small area in Lancashire, and to the delivery of a copy of this paper to Ruxton's house. He traced a blouse, a pair of baby's rompers, and other articles also to Ruxton's house. Ruxton's movements were traced, step by step, and on his arrest blood-stains were found on the stairs, stair-rails, banister, the side of the bath, below the linoleum, on stair-carpet and pads, and on a suit of clothes belonging to him, and particles of human flesh were found in the drains of the house.

The reconstruction of the two bodies from the separate portions proved that they could be no other than Mrs. Ruxton and her maid, and after a trial which made history by methods employed for the first time in England, Ruxton was found guilty beyond any shadow of doubt.

Sir Robert Johnston proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Glaister for his very able lecture, which altogether lasted for an hour and a half. Professor Biggart seconded the vote, and mentioned the words of the judge at the end of the trial, in which he congratulated those responsible for the manner in which the medical evidence had been assembled and given.

ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, 24th May, 1938, at 5 p.m., in the Whitla Medical Institute. The following officers for session 1938-39 were elected :—

President: John M. McCloy, M.D., D.P.H.

Vice-Presidents: Robert Marshall, M.D., F.R.C.P.I.; William Dickie, M.D.

Council: C. A. Calvert, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.; Jack Crawford, M.D., B.Sc.; Ian Fraser, M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S.ENG. AND I.; F. P. Montgomery, M.C., M.B., D.M.R.E. (CANTAB.); W. R. M. Strain, M.D., B.Sc.; J. R. Wheeler, M.B., D.L.O., D.O.M.S., F.R.C.S.EDIN.

Hon. Treasurer: J. S. Loughridge, M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.ENG.

Hon. Secretary: H. Hilton Stewart, M.D., M.R.C.P.LOND.

Hon. Librarian: James Boyd, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.H.

Hon. Editorial Secretary: R. S. Allison, M.D., F.R.C.P.LOND.

Hon. Editor: R. H. Hunter, M.D., M.Ch., PH.D., M.R.I.A.

Editorial Board: Professor H. Barcroft, M.D., M.A.; Professor P. T. Crymble, M.B., F.R.C.S.ENG.; Professor C. G. Lowry, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., F.C.O.G.; Professor W. W. D. Thomson, B.A., M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H., F.R.C.P.LOND.

The report of the Council was as follows :

The Council begs to present the seventy-sixth annual report of the Society.

The roll of the Society now stands as follows :—

Hon. Fellows	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Life Fellows	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Life Members (Old Regulations)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Fellows	-	-	-	-	-	-	288
Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
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Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	358

During the year the Society has suffered the following losses by death :—

Professor W. St. Clair Symmers, Hon. Fellow of the Society; Sir John W. Moore, Hon. Fellow of the Society; Dr. D. P. Gaussen, President 1906-7; Dr. Malcolm Brice Smyth, Fellow since 1901; Dr. J. J. Murray, Fellow since 1931; Dr. T. K. Wheeler.

The Society has had a busy year under the presidency of Professor W. W. D. Thomson. There were ten meetings held during the year, and there were quite good attendances at the meetings. The Society was honoured by visits from Dr. Leonard Colebrook of London, who delivered the Campbell Memorial Oration; Dr. Moodie, Director of the London Child Guidance Clinic; and Professor Glaister of Glasgow.

The annual dinner was held in February, and was notable for the presentation, by the president, of two magnificent portraits of Sir William Whitla and Sir Hans Sloane. The former was unveiled by Sir Thomas Houston and the latter by Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bart. Three Hon. Fellowships were also conferred at the dinner on Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bart.; Mr. A. B. Mitchell, M.P.; and Sir Robert Johnstone, M.P.

The ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL has had a very successful year once again under Dr. R. H. Hunter's able editorship. The Council greatly appreciate his retention

of this important work, in spite of the addition to his work in his new post as secretary to the University.

Considerable changes have been carried out at the premises of the Society during the year. A new ventilation system for the lecture hall has been installed, together with a new gas-fired boiler, and a new extraction fan, at a cost of over £200. Three new electric convector heaters have been placed in the inside hall and on the stairs to supplement the heating in this area. A new gas-fire has been bought for the council room, and the ladies' lounge has been re-floored following the discovery of dry-rot in the woodwork. The oil paintings of the Society have also been re-hung, while the portraits in the council room are being cleaned and renovated. The floors of the entrance hall and the library have been re-floored in compressed cork. The Council consider that the general condition of the building has been well maintained, and the improvements made this year should add to the general comfort of the members.

The annual laboratory meeting was again a great success, and the high standard set by Professor Young has been worthily upheld by Professor Biggart.

The annual golf competition was held at Newcastle, and was well attended. The Hanna Cup was won by Dr. J. C. Robb.

Your Council has met on ten occasions, and the following attendances were recorded :—

Professor Thomson 10, Mr. Irwin 6, Mr. Greer 4, Mr. Calvert 1, Dr. Frackelton 5, Dr. Boyd 8, Dr. Allen 3, Dr. Hunter 4, Mr. Wheeler 2, Dr. Allison 2, Hon. Secretary 10, Sir Thos. Houston 5, Dr. Stewart 8, Dr. Turkington 2, Mr. Fraser 4, Mr. Mitchell 4, Dr. J. A. Smyth 1, Dr. Lyttle 2.

B.M.A.—NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION

The Division met in the Café, Coleraine, on Monday, 7th March, 1938. Dr. David Huey read a paper describing his visit to the surgical tuberculosis clinic at Leysin. He gave an interesting account of the work of the clinic, and described the different types of cases suitable for treatment at Leysin.

Best thanks of the meeting were expressed to Dr. Huey for a most interesting paper.

Dr. Violet McFeeter kindly entertained those present to tea.

The seventh annual dinner of the Division was held at the Causeway Hotel, Bushmills, on Saturday, 23rd April, 1938, when the chairman, Dr. Bateman, presided over a company of about one hundred.

After dinner, the toast of the King was honoured. The chairman then proposed the toast of the British Medical Association. Dr. W. Porter spoke to the health of our President, Sir Robert Johnstone. He remarked that he had known Sir Robert since student days, and that he had always been an outstanding personality. The toast was then drunk with great enthusiasm. The President, who was received